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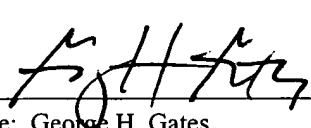
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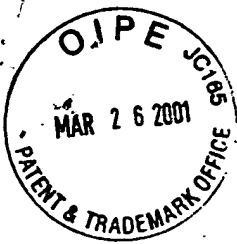
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Dear Sir:

I. Introduction

In response to the Office Action dated December 21, 2000, please enter the following remarks in the above-identified application. Claims 1-81 remain in the application. Re-examination and re-consideration of the application is requested.

II. Prior Art Rejections

In paragraphs (3)-(4) of the Office Action, claims 1, 4, 21, 25, 28, 45, 48-51, and 65-68 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Venolia, U.S. Patent No. 5,463,722 (Venolia). In paragraphs (12)-(13) of the Office Action, claims 14-15 and 38-39 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious in view of the combination of Venolia and Eckart, U.S. Patent No. 5,408,606 (Eckart). However, in paragraph (2) of the Office Action, claims 2-3, 5-13, 16-20, 22-